Delhi and Mumbai. BSNL has planned to extend these services to 198 cities during 2005 in a progressive manner.

(c) The details of the cities where the Broadband service have been launched as on date is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(d) These Broadband services use the latest Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Loop (ADSL)/ADSL 2 plus technology which can provide a maximum download speed of upto 20 mega bytes per second (Mbps) depending upon distance. This is very fast as compared to existing dial up Internet service which gives a maximum download speed of 56 kilobits per second (Kbps).

Statement

List of cities where broadband service has been launched

Sl. No.	City
1	Chennai
2	Bangalore
3	Kolkata
4	Hyderabad
5	Mysore
6	Coimbatore
7	Thanjavur
8	Trippur
9	Madurai
10	Ernakulam
11	Patna
12	Pune
13	Trichi
14	Delhi
15	Mumbai

Security allocations to IT Companies

333. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey conducted by NASSCOM and IT Association of America revealed that there is a need to increase the security allocations to IT companies in the country;

(b) if so, what exactly are the findings of the survey;

(c) the apprehensions that the IT companies in India have, which forces them to increase their allcations on security; and

(d) the steps Government are taking under IT Act, 2000 to protect the IT companies to make India as a leader in "Trusted Outsourcing"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The key findings of the survey are as following:

— **Security is a key concern:** 82% customers of Indian IT companies are more concerned about Information Security than ever before, while 76% of customers of US IT companies are concerned about Information Security.

— **Customers and vendors are both responsible for information security:** 75% customers of Indian IT companies and approximately 64% customers of US companies realize that information security is a responsibility shared by vendor and customer alike rather than it being a primary responsibility of the vendor.

—**Security is a key differentiator:** 75% of Indian companies and 82% of the US companies agree that sophisticated information security offerings and practices offer a competitive advantage. Information Security practices are a critical selling point while marketing their products and services to global clients for 75% of Indian companies and 64% of US companies.

—**Budgetary allocation for security has increased:** Increase in budgetary allocation for Information Security in the last twelve months was 45% for Indian customers and 41% for US customers.

—**Governments need to be proactive:** Majority of respondents in Indian and US companies are of the view that Government needs to do more in the Information Security space. In India, the concern is around legislation and effective use of Information Security practices for e-governance and critical infrastructure protection.

(c) The continuous investment in research & development for evolving innovative information security technologies and their implementation is a business requirement to sustain in highly competitive market place. This has been clearly apppreciated by the Indian industry and as per the above said survey; increase in budgetary allocations for information security in the last 12 months was 45% for Indian customers and 41% for US customers.

(d) Government has constituted an Expert Committee on the Information Technology Act under the chairmanship of Secretary, DIT and members from industry and other professional institutions. This Expert Committee would review the IT Act 2000 in the light of the latest developments taken place nationally and internationally including the issues of information security and cyber crimes. The primary obejctive of this exercise is to have the necessary infrastructure in place for Indian IT companies become more competitive in their offerings to clients abroad and promotes India as a major hub for global outsourcing.

Future of BPO Sector

334. SHRI SANJAY NIRUMPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's idea of introducing job reservations in private sector can prick the offshore contracts for IT and IT Enabled Service (ITES) putting question mark over the future of BPO sector in India;

(b) if so, the details about the idea of reservations and its impact upon BPO sector;

(c) whether the young employee in BPO sectors are going to be jobless; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to overcome the above crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The IT and IT Enabled Services sector is manpower intensive and is growing at annual Cumulative Average Growth Rate (CAGR) of 25-30%.